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THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Friday, 10th August 1956.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at nine of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI N. GOPALA MENON) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

MR. SPEAKER : Questions Nos. 21 and 22 may be taken up together.

Stay of Ministers, etc., at Ootacamund during the summer of 1956

* 21 *Q.*—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Ministers who stayed at Ootacamund during the summer of 1956;

(*b*) the number of Heads of Departments who accompanied and stayed with the Ministers; and

(*c*) the total expenses incurred by the Government for their stay?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) & (*b*) A number of committees and conferences met at Ootacamund in May 1956 and in that connexion Ministers and Heads of Departments connected with the subjects were there for a brief period.

(*c*) The Government consider that the time and labour involved in the collection of particulars will not be commensurate with the public interest that it may serve.

* 22 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that all the Ministers, Secretaries to Government, Departmental Heads, Board Members and Collectors have been to Ootacamund in the month of May 1956; and

(*b*) if so, the amount of travelling allowance and daily allowance claimed by the Ministers, Secretaries to Government, Board Members, Collectors and their staff for their journey?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir. A number of committees and conferences met at Ootacamund in May 1956 and in that connexion, Ministers and Officers connected with the subjects were there for a brief period of about ten days on an average. They would have claimed daily allowance and travelling allowance according to rules.